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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 31, line 11, of the specification, as follows:

The positive electrode binder is not specifically limited. Examples include polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), modified forms of PTFE, PVDF, modified forms of PVDF, and modified acrylonitrile rubber particles (e.g., ~~BM-500B (trade name) available from ZEON CORPORATION~~). They may be used singly or in any combination of two or more. Preferably, PTFE and ~~BM-500B~~ are ~~is~~ used with a thickener. As the thickener, preferred are CMC, polyethylene oxide (PEO), and modified acrylonitrile rubber (e.g. BM-720H (trade name) available from ZEON CORPORATION).